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WARMER AND DRIER CONDITIONS

For the week ending February 28, 2010, fields are beginning to dry out with more favorable weather conditions, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Georgia Field Office. Daily average high temperatures ranged from the mid 40's to lower 60's. Lows averaged from the upper 20's to the lower 40's. Soil moisture conditions were rated at 0% very short, 0% short, 55% adequate, and 45% surplus. Most area's received some precipitation on Monday; limited to no rainfall was reported the rest of the week.

Some of the winter wheat has jointed and peaches are beginning to bloom in southern counties. Field activities included harrowing, shredding cotton stalks, and preparing fields for planting. Wet field conditions restricted the application of fertilizer and cold weather limited winter grazing.

County Extension Agents reported an average of 4.3 days suitable for fieldwork.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 02/28/10

Crop Stage	This Week	Prev Week	Prev Year	5 Year Avg
Data collection for crop progress will resume in March 2010.				

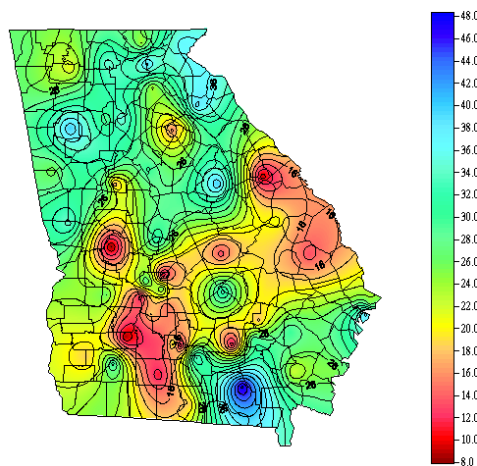
Crop Condition for Week Ending 02/28/10

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Winter Wheat	4	24	50	21	1
Range and Pasture	7	33	44	15	1
Vegetables	2	20	53	25	0

Topsoil Moisture for Week Ending 02/28/10

	This Week	Previous Week	5 Year Avg
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Very Short	0	0	0
Short	0	0	0
Adequate	55	39	0
Surplus	45	61	0

*Soil Moisture Map is supplied by the Georgia Automated Environmental Monitoring Network (AEMN) and the office of the State Climatologist, University of Georgia. For detailed Georgia weather data, visit the AEMN homepage at www.georgiaweather.net.



Soil Moisture (%) at 12" Soil Depth

Topsoil Moisture for Week Ending 02/28/10, by District

District	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
District 1 (NW)	0	0	67	33
District 2 (NC)	0	0	70	30
District 3 (NE)	0	0	54	46
District 4 (WC)	0	0	65	35
District 5 (C)	0	0	35	65
District 6 (EC)	0	0	42	58
District 7 (SW)	0	1	49	50
District 8 (SC)	0	0	53	47
District 9 (SE)	0	4	72	24

* A list of the counties in each of the nine Georgia Agricultural Statistics Districts is available at http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Georgia/Publications/County_Estimates/index.asp.

Pasture Condition for Week Ending 02/28/10, by District

District	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
District 1 (NW)	18	21	39	20	2
District 2 (NC)	1	17	68	13	1
District 3 (NE)	0	41	30	16	13
District 4 (WC)	1	36	58	5	0
District 5 (C)	12	35	31	22	0
District 6 (EC)	0	33	53	14	0
District 7 (SW)	14	35	32	19	0
District 8 (SC)	8	43	39	9	1
District 9 (SE)	1	14	69	61	0

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Weather Summary for Week Ending 02/28/10, by Station Location

Location	Temperature			Precipitation					Soil Temp
	Max	Min	Avg	Weekly	Days	30 Day	60 Day	Season	
Alapaha	57	36	46	0.51	2	3.66	8.59	8.32	50
Albany	57	37	47	0.61	1	4.46	10.11	9.80	51
Alma	57	37	47	0.22	3	3.23	8.31	7.00	50
Alpharetta	47	30	39	0.89	2	5.52	10.40	10.03	40
Arabi	54	35	45	0.47	1	4.57	10.85	10.54	49
Arlington	56	37	47	0.93	1	4.58	11.77	11.22	49
Atlanta	49	32	40	0.52	1	3.84	8.27	7.11	NA
Attapulgus	56	37	46	1.16	2	4.73	10.03	9.65	51
Baxley	56	36	46	0.21	2	3.10	8.91	8.32	50
Blairsville	44	27	35	0.45	1	4.24	8.71	6.71	41
Blue Ridge	42	28	35	0.55	1	6.43	11.09	8.47	37
Brunswick	60	40	50	0.24	2	2.77	7.70	7.57	53
Byromville	54	35	44	0.92	2	5.66	13.19	12.36	48
Byron	54	34	44	0.61	2	4.13	9.38	9.19	47
Cairo	56	38	47	0.79	2	4.33	8.98	8.66	53
Calhoun	46	28	37	0.32	1	4.14	9.43	7.58	42
Camilla	57	37	47	0.74	1	4.80	11.08	10.43	50
Cordele	55	36	45	0.75	2	5.49	11.96	11.71	48
Covington	51	32	42	0.55	2	4.41	8.48	8.40	43
Dahlonega	46	31	38	0.60	1	5.41	10.81	10.10	40
Dallas	49	30	39	0.60	1	3.84	7.56	7.47	42
Danielsville	51	32	42	0.54	1	4.99	10.75	8.21	45
Dawson	55	34	45	0.71	1	5.77	14.43	14.10	50
Dearing	54	34	44	0.54	2	3.63	8.24	8.16	47
Dixie	57	37	47	1.15	2	5.40	11.10	10.97	52
Douglas	56	37	47	0.40	2	3.28	8.46	8.01	50
Dublin	56	36	46	0.75	2	4.73	10.52	10.21	49
Dunwoody	48	31	39	0.82	1	4.98	8.77	8.65	42
Eatonton	52	33	42	0.57	1	4.39	9.54	9.46	44
Elberton	54	32	43	0.40	2	5.55	10.64	10.54	46
Ellijay	44	27	36	0.45	1	4.23	9.21	8.90	40
Gainesville	48	32	40	0.78	1	5.04	10.51	10.26	45
Georgetown	55	36	45	1.07	2	5.40	12.31	12.15	48
Griffin	52	32	42	0.72	1	4.57	8.62	8.45	45
Hatley	54	37	45	0.61	2	4.79	11.58	9.64	48
Homerville	58	36	47	0.44	3	3.62	8.80	8.70	53
Jeffersonville	53	34	44	0.80	2	5.37	10.24	7.40	47
Johns Creek	49	31	40	0.79	2	5.07	9.47	9.38	44
Jonesboro	51	32	42	0.34	1	4.09	9.03	10.39	43
Lake Seminole	57	42	49	1.00	1	5.03	10.34	5.60	50
Midville	55	36	45	0.64	2	4.36	9.75	9.42	48
Moultrie	56	38	47	0.66	2	4.29	8.81	8.29	49
Nahunta	59	36	48	0.41	2	3.66	9.16	8.53	50
Newton	58	36	47	0.66	1	4.61	11.51	11.30	51
Odum	57	35	46	0.56	2	3.83	9.82	9.69	51
Ossabaw	58	39	48	0.38	3	5.10	11.26	9.14	49
Pine Mountain	53	30	42	0.79	3	4.73	9.28	9.25	44
Plains	54	36	45	0.87	2	5.56	13.66	11.46	46
Roopville	52	31	41	0.48	1	4.61	8.62	8.54	45
Rome	50	30	40	0.40	2	4.29	9.14	8.88	43
Savannah	60	36	48	0.49	2	3.97	9.59	9.35	52
Shellman	55	36	45	0.68	2	5.09	12.24	11.94	48
Skidaway	58	37	47	0.54	2	3.77	9.33	9.11	49
Sparta	53	33	43	0.48	2	4.02	9.38	9.10	46
Statesboro	56	36	46	0.49	2	4.19	9.91	9.74	49
Tennille	54	35	44	0.56	3	4.38	9.55	9.29	46
Tifton	55	38	47	0.60	2	4.26	10.28	9.82	50
Tiger	46	27	37	0.49	1	5.89	14.03	13.64	39
Unadilla	54	34	44	0.53	2	4.80	12.22	9.90	47
Valdosta	58	39	49	0.99	2	5.02	11.53	11.48	53
Vienna	54	36	45	0.76	2	5.92	11.77	11.51	48
Vidalia	57	37	47	0.40	2	3.79	10.00	9.55	51
Wat-UGA	50	32	41	0.55	2	5.12	10.56	10.09	43
Williamson	52	32	42	0.75	2	4.56	8.93	8.82	43
Woodbine	61	37	49	0.33	3	3.05	8.41	8.27	56

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DISTRICT COMMENTS
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DISTRICT 1 - NORTHWEST

No comments available.

DISTRICT 2 - NORTH CENTRAL

Major activities include the routine care of livestock and poultry

DISTRICT 3 - NORTHEAST

Lots of reseeding will be necessary to restore soggy, heavily trodden pastures. Extreme cold making this impossible. Difficult year for forages in NE GA.

DISTRICT 4 - WEST CENTRAL

Ground temperatures are nearing 50 degrees; maybe winter annuals will begin growing more soon.

Fields are drying finally.

DISTRICT 5 - CENTRAL

We received .48 of an inch of rainfall and we still have a major surplus of rainfall. We are a little over a month from vegetable planting season.

Where possible topdressing of small grains began late in week. Fields still wet.

Wheat tilling has been held up due to cold, wet weather limiting fertilization applications.

DISTRICT 6 - EAST CENTRAL

Finally getting a little drying weather, although more rain expected tonight and tomorrow.

Some wheat fields have been judged not worthy of fertilizer and will be stripped into with either peanuts or soybeans. Other fields got late fertilization and have less than desirable tiller counts. Jointing should be occurring on some of the older fields over the next two weeks.

Need to get into fields to repair washes/gullies from excessive rainfall before we can plant corn. Corn planting should initiate in about 2-3 weeks.

DISTRICT 7 - SOUTHWEST

Somewhat more favorable weather this past week. Some field activity such as harrowing, mowing cotton stalks was conducted, but only sporadic as soils remain quite wet across many fields in county. Poor growth on winter grazing and overgrazing has resulted in increased expense on cattle feeding. With above normal rainfall, condition of hay has diminished. Some land preparation for spring vegetables has begun. Some sweet corn planted has germinated but not up to a stand largely due to continuous cold soil temperatures.

DISTRICT 8 - SOUTH CENTRAL

Trying to get in the field to mow cotton stalks and fix erosion places in the fields. Gearing up for corn planting. Farmers deciding on cotton, peanut, and soybean varieties to plant. Attending grower meetings. Some harrowing and feeding cattle hay. Still no word on the poultry plant reopening.

This past week has been cold and wet with very little field activity.

Wheat acreage for grain will decline in my county since we are behind on nitrogen application.

DISTRICT 9 - SOUTHEAST

No comments available.